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of T Cells

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated September 22, 2000 (Paper No. 4). Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following species.

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Re:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/350,202

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Dear Sir:

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I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

- 1. Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement; and
- 2. Return receipt postcard.

Please charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Enclosures

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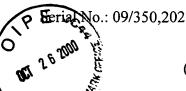
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- (a) Anti-CD28 antibodies; or
- (b) A stimulatory form of a natural ligand for CD28.

Applicants elect species (a) i.e., anti-CD28 antibodies, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claims 50-55, 57, and 58 read on the elected species.

It is the Applicants' understanding that under 35 U.S.C. § 121, an election of a single species for prosecution on the merits is required, to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Applicants submit that claim 50 is generic. Applicants further understand that upon the allowance of a generic claim, they will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.41 et seq.

SUMMARY

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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